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Fashion Show to Create Awareness for Adoption Awareness Month

In the State of North Carolina, approximately 10,000 children live in some type of foster care setting. 40% will never return to their birth families. Many of these children would love the chance to move out of this "temporary" situation and into a permanent, loving family. In Catawba County 13 children are legally free for adoption.

In honor of National Adoption Awareness Month, Family Builders of Catawba Valley is proud to host a Fashion Show and Celebration featuring foster children of Catawba County who are legally clear for adoption. The event will take place on November 17th from noon until 2pm at the Newton-Conover Civic & Performance Place. Each child will get to model two outfits provided by Dillard's. There will be food and entertainment provided at the event.

The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the many children in foster care who desperately want to be a part of a loving family and home to call their own. The children come from a variety of backgrounds, but they all share a desire to be united with permanent, adoptive parents.

For those wishing to attend, please RSVP by November 9th to Family Builders at 828-465-8901. For more information about the event or how you can provide a permanent loving home for one of these children, contact Family Builders at the aforementioned number or www.familybuilderscv.org.